(b) if so, the present status of Government's decision;

(c) whether all farmers in the country have since been provided with soil health card; and

(d) if not, by when all farmers in the country are likely to get soil health card?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The Government of India has launched a new scheme, namely, "National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility" during 2008-09 to promote soil test based balanced and judicious use of fertilizers for improving soil health and its productivity. The scheme *inter alia* envisages setting up of 500 new static soil testing laboratories (STLs) and 250 new mobile STLs in the country during 11th Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) Based on soil test, soil health cards are issued to the farmers by State Governments. As per reports received, 279.54 lakh soil health cards have been issued to the farmers in the country till March, 2009.

**Corruption in DMS**

2469. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has recently unearthed a scam in Delhi Milk Scheme(DMS) involving nexus of officials of his Ministry with DMS employees in allotment of milk booths to relatives and diversion of milk meant for supply in NCR, causing losses to exchequer;

(b) if so, the details of the *modus-operandi* of the scam unearthed by CBI;

(c) whether Government proposes to take further action in this regard and fix responsibility; and

(d) if so, the derails thereof and steps likely to be taken to remove corrupt practices prevalent in the DMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) No Sir. However, CBI has informed that it has registered a case No.RC48(A)/2009-ACB-Delhi against the officials of DMS and the case is under investigation by the CBI. Further action will depend on the outcome of the investigation.

**Diseases in animals**

2470. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: